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0-4	Form - PCT/RO/101 PCT Request				
0-4-1	Prepared using	PCT-EASY Version 2.92			
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0-5	Petition				
	The undersigned requests that the present international application be				
	processed according to the Patent				
	Cooperation Treaty				
0-6	Receiving Office (specified by the applicant)	Japan Patent Office (RO/JP)			
0-7	Applicant's or agent's file reference	R03089 PCT			
ī	Title of invention	HEAD CONTROLLER, INKJET RECORDING			
		APPARATUS, AND IMAGE RECORDING APPARATUS			
	•	THAT PREVENT DEGRADATION IN IMAGE			
		QUALITY DUE TO ENVIRONMENTAL TEMPERATURE			
		CHANGES			
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<u>v</u>	Designation of States			
V-1	Regional Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	EP: AT BE BG CH&LI CY CZ DE DK EE ES FI FR GB GR HU IE IT LU MC NL PT SE SI SK TR and any other State which is a Contracting State of the European Patent Convention and of the PCT		
V-2	National Patent (other kinds of protection or treatment, if any, are specified between parentheses after the designation(s) concerned)	CN KR SG US		
V-5	Precautionary Designation Statement			
V-6	In addition to the designations made under items V-1, V-2 and V-3, the applicant also makes under Rule 4.9(b) all designations which would be permitted under the PCT except any designation(s) of the State(s) indicated under item V-6 below. The applicant declares that those additional designations are subject to confirmation and that any designation which is not confirmed before the expiration of 15 months from the priority date is to be regarded as withdrawn by the applicant at the expiration of that time limit.			
	Exclusion(s) from precautionary designations	NONE		
VI-1	Priority claim of earlier national application			
VI-1-1	Filing date	16 July 2002 (16.07.2002)		
VI-1-2	Number	Patent Application 2002-206377		
VI-1-3	Country	JP		
VI-2	Priority document request	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
	The receiving Office is requested to prepare and transmit to the International Bureau a certified copy of the earlier application(s) identified above as item(s):	VI-1		
VII-1	International Searching Authority Chosen	Japan Patent Office (JPO) (ISA/JP)		

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VIII	Declarations	Number of declarations			
VIII-1	Declaration as to the identity of the inventor				
VIII-2	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to apply for and be granted a patent	-			
VIII-3	Declaration as to the applicant's entitlement, as at the international filing date, to claim the priority of the earlier application	-			
VIII-4	Declaration of inventorship (only for the purposes of the designation of the United States of America)				
VIII-5	Declaration as to non-prejudicial disclosures or exceptions to lack of novelty	-			
IX	Check list	number of sheets	electronic file(s) attached		
IX-1	Request (including declaration sheets)	4	-		
IX-2	Description	39	_		
IX-3	Claims	5	_		
IX-4	Abstract	1	EZABST00.TXT		
IX-5	Drawings	11	_		
IX-7	TOTAL	60			
	Accompanying items	paper document(s) attached	electronic file(s) attached		
IX-8	Fee calculation sheet	✓	-		
IX-9	Original separate power of attorney	√	_		
IX-17	PCT-EASY diskette	-	Diskette		
IX-18	Other (specified):	Revenue stamps of transmittal and	_		
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IX-18	Other (specified):	Submission of certificate of payment for	_		
		international fee	· ·		
IX-19	Figure of the drawings which should accompany the abstract				
IX-20	Language of filing of the international application	English			
X-1	Signature of applicant, agent or common representative	AR SHIP			
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10-2-1	Received	
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10-3	Corrected date of actual receipt due to later but timely received papers or drawings completing the purported international application		·			٠.	
10-4	Date of timely receipt of the required corrections under PCT Article 11(2)		,	<u> </u>			
10-5	International Searching Authority	ISA/JP					-
10-6	Transmittal of search copy delayed until search fee is paid						

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